

Dear FCC,

This is an important issue for the freedom and fair usage of our airwaves, which belong to the American public. You are the regulatory body to insure that monopolization of our airwaves does not occur. Thank you for your efforts in the past and now is a time when further consideration and definitive action is needed.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to have their stations air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.